

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Corrections Services
Analysis of Current Electronic Monitoring Capability

The Division of Probation and Parole has been using electronic monitoring since September 1995. Currently, we have approximately 400 offenders that are state paid that are on some type of electronic monitoring, VOICE or G.P.S.

We currently have 300 offenders enrolled with House Arrest, a company out of Detroit, Michigan. This system is a passive system that is designated to make random phone calls to the offender's residence. The offender is required to answer the phone and to answer a couple of simple questions, so that voice verification can be made.

If there is a violation, the officer is notified next day by e-mail. The cost of this system is \$1.00 per day per offender. Advantages are there is no equipment involved for the officer to keep up with. Disadvantages are the system does not track offender and it is possible for offender to leave residence without being detected. We are considering using a few RF (radio frequency) form of monitoring in the future.

G.P.S. or Global Positioning Satellite Tracking is a system whereby the offender can be tracked 24-7. While we have the ability to use active G.P.S. tracking, we are currently using a passive system where the offender's movements and violations are reported the next day by e-mail to the officer. We currently have 100 sex offenders on G.P.S. that is state paid at a rate of \$4.44 per day, per offender. We have a contract with G4S, a company out of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA.

Probation and Parole also has approximately 250 offenders, that are on some type of electronic monitoring with several different vendors that are offender/court paid per orders of the local court system.

No electronic monitoring system will prevent offenders from re-offending or take the place of an officer. However, it is an excellent tool that can be used by the officer in the supervision of an offender.

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